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Martina WICHER et al
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Recording Layers

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination in the above captioned application and supplementing the Preliminary Amendment filed concurrently with the application, please further amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 3, amend the second, third and fourth full paragraphs to read as follows:

These problems are solved by a support material (base paper) coated at least on the front side with a synthetic resin, which features a raw paper provided at least on the front side with a pigment layer, whereby the pigment layer contains at least about 5 % by weight of pigment with a narrow grain size distribution, and at least 70 % of these pigment particles feature a size of

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